

STANFORD UNIVERSITY
STANFORD, CALIFORNIA

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

September 9, 1963

Mr. Godfrey Rideout
71 Rowanwood Avenue
Toronto 5, Ontario
Canada

Dear Mr. Rideout:

Mrs. Charles Lauru has advised that Miss Kathleen Parlow passed away during the night of August 21-22, 1963 and that you are settling her estate.

As you probably know, Miss Parlow had the right to the custody of a Stradivarius violin for her lifetime and I understand it was in her custody at the time of her passing. Stanford University acquired this violin as a gift from Mrs. Charles Lauru and the violin was to be delivered to the University upon the death of Miss Parlow.

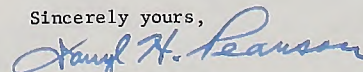
I am not an expert on the care of fine musical instruments and the head of our Music Department is away until September 16. I wonder if I could impose upon you to see that the violin receives the very finest care until you receive word from our Music Department as to when, where, and how the violin should be shipped to the University. Mrs. Lauru has advised that it should be shipped via air, but I want to be certain that it is properly packed before shipment.

Mrs. Lauru believes there is a dealer in Toronto who took care of Miss Parlow's instruments, but she cannot recall the dealer's name. She believes it was a German name and if you should happen to know who this gentleman is, we would appreciate having his instructions as to the proper crating of the violin. Also, before shipment we should like this gentleman to check the violin against the enclosed copy of Certificate of Guarantee dated October 1, 1924, issued by Silvestre and Maucotel to Mr. Charles H. Lauru to make certain the instrument is the one mentioned in the guarantee. I ask this only because I understand Miss Parlow had two or three fine instruments and that it might be easy for a non-expert to confuse them. Mrs. Lauru is not certain, but she believes that the Stradivarius had a single case and we would appreciate it if you would have the dealer see if the Stradivarius fits that case. Also we should like to inquire whether or not there are two bows for this particular instrument.

I apologize for asking for such careful handling, but we are extremely anxious that the violin be transported here without damage. The University will of course reimburse you for any reasonable expenses you incur in carrying out our request. We shall certainly consider reimbursing you for your time.

With many thanks,

Sincerely yours,


Daryl H. Pearson

cc: Mrs. Charles Lauru

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P.S. I have not been able to get hold of a copy of the Certificate of Guarantee in time to enclose it with this letter, but will send it to you as soon as I can.


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